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**MEDIA ADVISORY** 

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## MSD to install two roadway floodwall closures as Ohio River levels rise

MSD will install roadway floodwall closures at 10th and 27th streets **on April 3**. These are openings in the floodwall that typically cars and pedestrians can pass through. Crews will take several hours to install and assemble these closures.

Floodwall closures keep the Ohio River at bay and prevent it from backing onto roadways and property.

Projections currently show the river will crest **on April 5** at 29 feet on the upper gauge and 60.8 feet on the lower gauge. Both projected levels are in Minor Flood Mode. The normal pool on the upper gauge is 12 feet, and the low stage on the lower is 9 feet.

MSD maintains Louisville Metro's Ohio River Flood Protection System. The system protects more than 200,000 people, 87,000 homes, and \$24 billion in property throughout 110 square miles of Louisville Metro

**WHAT:** Floodwall roadway closure installation

WHEN: Media Opportunity, Thursday, April 3, 10:30 AM

WHERE: 10<sup>th</sup> Street and the Ohio River

WHO: MSD Communications Director Sheryl Lauder

**MORE:** Flood Protection Crew installing roadway closure, this is an approximately 8-hour process

## About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's nearly 740 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro, and wastewater service in portions of Bullitt and Oldham counties. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.